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REMARKS

The present Amendment amends claims 8-13, 16-21 and 23 and leaves claims 15 and 22 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 8-23.

Claims 8-23 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regards as their invention. Various amendments were made throughout claims 8-23 to bring them into conformity with the requirements of 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Therefore, this rejection with respect to claims 8-23 is overcome and should be withdrawn. Specifically, amendments were made throughout claims 8-23 to overcome the objections noted by the Examiner in the Office Action.

Applicants note that the only rejection of the claims is the above noted rejection under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. As indicated above, amendments were made to the claims so as to overcome the 35 USC §112, second paragraph rejection. Thus, the only rejection of the claims as set forth in the Office Action has been overcome. Therefore, since the only rejection of the claims set forth in the Office Action have been overcome, the claims are now allowable over the prior art of record. In fact, the Examiner has previously indicated that the remaining claims 8-23 are allowed over the prior art of record in the prior Office Action dated November 22, 2006. There is no indication that the Examiner's indication of allowance of the claims as per the prior Office Action has been withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 8-23 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 8-23 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (520.42961X00).

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